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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY OF TREASURY

, PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL TO FINANCE MINISTER BOH. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE BEEN GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY RECENT REPORTS OF PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE NEED FOR ACTION BY JAPAN TO ADJUST ITS TRADE AND CURRENT ACCOUNT IMBALANCES. WE HAVE INTERPRETED THESE STATEMENTS AS INDICATIONS THAT A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS, TO TAKE MEANINGFUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STEPS TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM. I THINK IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO MAINTENANCE OF A SMOOTHLY FUNCTIONING AND COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM THAT THIS DECISION NOW BE TRANSLATED INTO CONCRETE ACTION, AND I HOPE THAT YOU AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT PREPARATIONS FOR SUB-CABINET CONSULTATIONS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS ARE GETTING UNDER WAY. THIS

PROCESS CAN PROVIDE A USEFUL VEHICLE FOR STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATIVE TIES BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES, AND I APPRECIATE JAPAN'S EFFORTS IN ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM.

SINCERELY.

W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL

END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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